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TAGSC PGOV, CA
SUBJECT: ONTARIO PREMIER AGAINST ECONOMIC UNION WITH INDEPENDENT
QUEBEC

1. IN THE ONTARIO GENERAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY APRIL 19, ONTARIO
TORY PREMIER WILLIAM DAVIS TOLD THE HOUSE "WE DO NOT MAINTAIN DOOR
OPEN TO THE OPTION OF INDEPENDENCE FOR QUEBEC WITH CONTINUED
ECONOMIC UNION WITH CANADA. THE MINUTE THE DOORS ARE CLOSED BY
ANY PARTNER TO THE DEBATE IT IS NAIVE, AND I THINK DANGEROUS, TO
HOPE THAT SOMEHOW THERE WILL BE SOME SOLUTION THEREAFTER WHICH WILL
MAKE THINGS ALMOST AS GOOD AS THEY WERE BEFORE."

2. PREMIER DAVIS SAID HE WAS REPLYING TO A STATEMENT BY THE LEADER
OF THE OPPOSITION NDP STEPHEN LEWIS "SYMPATHIZING" WITH THE QUEBEC
GOAL OF INDEPENDENCE TIED WITH ECONOMIC UNION TO THE REST OF CANADA.
LEWIS AND HIS COLLEAGUES WERE QUITE IRATE, LEWIS SAYING THAT
DAVIS "KNOWS VERY WELL WE OPPOSE THAT (AN ECONOMIC UNION) AND
WILL OPPOSE IT TO THE END."

3. COMMENT: WHILE THE CHARGE BY THE PREMIER IS CONSIDERED
TO BE A PRE-ELECTION GAMBIT TO CONNECT THE NDP TO SOFTNESS
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WITH SEPARATISM, DAVIS AND HIS GOVERNMENT HAVE USED EVERY
OPPORTUNITY IN THE PAST WEEK TO ANTAGONIZE AND GOAD THE TWO
OPPOSITION PARTIES, IN THE APPARENT HOPE THAT SUCH ACTION
MIGHT INDUCE THE NDP AND THE LIBERALS TO BRING DOWN THE
CURRENT MINORITY GOVERNMENT.
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